

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
COMPETITIVE NOTICE**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
An Equal Opportunity Employer**

Position: Accountant Series/Grade: GS-0510-13	Announcement No: ETA-04-088PN
	Opening Date: May 13, 2004
	Closing Date: May 19, 2004
Salary Range: \$72,108 - \$93,742 (includes locality pay of 14.63%)	Number of Vacancies: One (1)
	Bargaining Unit: Inside
Organizational/Geographic Location: Employment & Training Administration Office of Financial and Administrative Management Office of Financial and Administrative Services Division of Financial Systems and Services Operations Unit	Promotion Potential: No
	Civil Service Status Required: No
	Temporary Position: No – Permanent Position
	Part-time Position: No – Full Time Position
Duty Station: Washington D.C.	Area of Consideration: All Eligible Candidates and *ICTAP Eligibles Within the Local Commuting Area

Applications will also be accepted from persons who qualify under noncompetitive hiring authorities, such as (but not limited to) Veterans Readjustment Appointment (VRA eligibles), 30% or more compensable veterans, persons with disabilities, Outstanding Scholar, or present/former Peace Corps personnel. Additionally, veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after substantially completing three years of continuous active military service may apply under the Veterans Employment Opportunity Act.

Detailed application instructions and an on-line application form are available on the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Human Resources web site at URL: <http://www.doleta.gov/jobs/>

Position Duties and Responsibilities:
<p>This position is located in the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of Financial and Administrative Management (OFAM), Office of Financial and Administrative Services (OFAS), Division of Financial Systems and Services, Operations Unit. The Division has a broad range of responsibilities, including fund control for all ETA financial resources, processing payments to grantees, contractors, and other providers of goods and services, collecting debts, closing grants and contracts, compiling ETA information to be included in Department financial statements, and assuring that ETA complies with the requirements of the Chief Financial Officers Act (CFOA), and related Federal statutes, regulations and requirements.</p> <p>The incumbent in this position serves as a senior accountant, utilizing a professional knowledge of accounting principles and procedures in carrying out complex assignments.</p> <p>Specific duties include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes and maintains oversight responsibility for DFSS's external reporting requirements related to the SF 224: Statement of Transactions for all ETA national and regional office agency location codes; performs cash reconciliations of reported SF-224 data to resolve discrepancies reflected on the FMS-6652: Statement of Differences. Provides expert advice to senior staff and key management officials, and other accountants on complex financial and accounting data; on unusual and complex accounting systems procedures, reports and other financial management requirements; of which is relied upon by management to make informed decisions Tests and maintains complex accounting systems, which includes developing systems improvements, procedural manuals methods, and directives; and provides solutions to resolve fiscal and financial management problems. Promotes an open communicative environment where co-workers can readily access resources and move forward to accomplish common goals and tasks. Analyzes problems and develops alternative solutions, emphasizing new approaches.

Qualification Requirements: (Applicants must meet qualification, legal, and regulatory requirements for the position by closing date of this vacancy announcement.)

To be eligible, applicants must have at least one year (52 weeks) of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-12 grade level in the Federal service.

Specialized experience is experience in or directly related to the position and that provides the individual with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position, such as mastery accounting and auditing skills required for effective performance of the specific duties of the position.

In addition to meeting the specialized experience above, applicant must also meet the basic entry qualification requirements listed below. The Group Coverage Qualifications Standards for Professional and Scientific Positions **and** the Individual Occupational Requirements, as published by the Office of Personnel Management, in the Qualifications for General Schedule Positions apply.

Basic Requirements:

- A. Degree: accounting; or a degree in a related field such as business administration, finance, or public administration that included or was supplemented by 24 semester hours in accounting. The 24 hours may include up to 6 hours of credit in business law. (The term "accounting" means "accounting and/or auditing" in this standard. Similarly, "accountant" should be interpreted, generally, as "accountant and/or auditor.")

OR

- B. Combination of education and experience--at least 4 years of experience in accounting, or an equivalent combination of accounting experience, college-level education, and training that provided professional accounting knowledge. The applicant's background must also include *one* of the following:
1. Twenty-four semester hours in accounting or auditing courses of appropriate type and quality. This can include up to 6 hours of business law;
 2. A certificate as Certified Public Accountant or a Certified Internal Auditor, obtained through written examination; or
 3. Completion of the requirements for a degree that included substantial course work in accounting or auditing, e.g., 15 semester hours, but that does not fully satisfy the 24-semester-hour requirement of paragraph A, provided that (a) the applicant has successfully worked at the full-performance level in accounting, auditing, or a related field, e.g., valuation engineering or financial institution examining; (b) a panel of at least two higher level professional accountants or auditors has determined that the applicant has demonstrated a good knowledge of accounting and of related and underlying fields that equals in breadth, depth, currency, and level of advancement that which is normally associated with successful completion of the 4-year course of study described in paragraph A; and (c) except for literal nonconformance to the requirement of 24 semester hours in accounting, the applicant's education, training, and experience fully meet the specified requirements.

You must submit a copy of your college transcript(s) with your application to verify the 24 semester hours in accounting and/or auditing needed to qualify for this position. If not, you will be found ineligible.

*ICTAP (Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program candidates): Applicants applying for special selection priority under 5 CFR Part 330 Subparts C or G (ICTAP), must be well qualified and submit proof of eligibility, i.e., RIF separation notice, certificate of expected separation, or other agency certification that you are in a surplus occupation; submit the last or current performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent; apply for a vacancy at or below the grade level from which separated; file an application for a specific vacancy within the time frame indicated in the announcement; and be well qualified for the position. If separated through compensable injury or disability, no performance rating is required. Well qualified is defined as: A rating of at least Good on evaluation factors designed as High (H).

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The following statements apply if checked:

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Requires a security clearance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Requires a medical examination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subject to financial disclosure requirements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Requires a supervisory/managerial probationary period if the requirement has not been met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subject to frequent overtime</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subject to frequent travel</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Requires a valid drivers license</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subject to geographic mobility</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subject to drug test prior to appointment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subject to receipt of an official college transcript if qualification was based solely on education or a combination of education and experience. (24 semester hours in Accounting)</p>
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METHOD OF EVALUATION

Applicants meeting the minimum qualification requirements for this position may be further evaluated against other job related factors to determine who will be referred to the selecting official. The rating and ranking of candidates to determine the best qualified will be accomplished by comparing the candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities against those of other eligible candidates for each of the evaluation factors. The most important factors will be designated by the letter (H), indicating high. These factors are essential to the successful performance of the duties of the position. The candidate's experience, training, awards and performance appraisal will be considered in the evaluation process. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all of the information needed by the closing date of this announcement. Current and/or past supervisors may be contacted unless specified otherwise. Applicants may be interviewed by a panel and/or the selecting official or his/her designee.

In addition to meeting the minimum qualifications and eligibility requirements for special priority consideration, ICTAP candidates must meet the desired level of performance as indicated by the knowledge, skills, and abilities and be rated well qualified. Well qualified is defined as a rating of at least Good on evaluation factors designated as High (H).

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL APPLICANTS ADDRESS EACH OF THE EVALUATION FACTORS LISTED BELOW. FAILURE TO ADDRESS THESE EVALUATION FACTORS MAY IMPACT YOUR FINAL RATING OR RANKING.

EVALUATION FACTORS: It is **highly recommended**, but not required, that all candidates address and submit the evaluation factors on a separate sheet of paper. To be considered Highly Qualified (HQ), applicants need to receive a rating of "High" (H) in all factors listed below designated (H). For ICTAP eligibles to be considered well qualified, they must receive a rating of "High" (H) in factors 1, 3, 4 & 5 and a rating of Medium (M) in factor 2. **Failure to address these evaluation factors may impact your final rating and/or ranking.**

EVALUATION FACTORS: Factors designated (H) are rated high.

1. Expert knowledge of financial management, fiscal and accounting theories, concepts, principles and procedures, and generally accepted accounting principles and standards. **(H)**
2. Ability to review, analyze and evaluate automated and/or manual accounting and financial management systems, as they apply to accounting systems and reports. **(H) (M) for ICTAP candidates**
3. Ability to interpret complex financial and accounting data and provide appropriate analysis for management's use in decision making. **(H)**
4. Ability to communicate both orally and in writing to prepare reports to negotiate financial and accounting issues. **(H)**
5. Ability to work as part of a team to get high priority assignments and initiatives completed. **(H)**

HOW TO APPLY

You may submit an Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), a resume **or** any other written format, including a Standard Form (SF) 171, you choose. Certain information is needed in order to evaluate your qualifications for the job, therefore, your application **must** contain the following information:

- Vacancy announcement number, title, series, grade for the job for which you are applying
- Full legal name and mailing address
- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Country of Citizenship – **MUST BE U.S. CITIZEN**
- Veterans Preference
- Daytime and evening telephone numbers
- For experiences most relevant to the position, include name of employer, dates of employment, job title, start and end dates, a description of your duties and responsibilities and hours worked per week for each job listed
- Title, series and grade and dates of highest Federal civilian position held
- For education, include name, city, and state of high school and colleges/universities attended as well as date of diploma or GED. Also include type and year of any degrees received and majors. If no degree, include total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours. Do not send transcripts unless checked below.
- To receive credit for relevant training, list seminar/course titles, dates, number of hours and name of the institutions from which training was received.
- Description of honors, awards, and special qualifications such as language skills, computer skills along with dates acquired, if relevant to position.
- If applying for reinstatement or transfer, attach a copy of the appropriate SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, which confirms your status.

The following material is required if checked:

- ☒ -- Most recent supervisory performance appraisal **or** a statement with reasons why you do not have a supervisory appraisal is required for all applicants.
- ☒ SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (Required for all current or former federal applicants).
- ☒ -- College (**Required for education requirements to verify 24 semester hours in accounting**)
- ☒ -- Other: DD-214 and/or SF-15 for VETERANS
- ☒ -- Other: ICTAP Letter for ICTAP Eligibles
- ☒ -- Please complete and submit the attached Applicant Background Questionnaire, OMB No. 1225-0072, with your application. Submission of this form is optional. Data collected will be used only in aggregate, to assess the effectiveness of outreach efforts. Consideration for this job will not be affected by failure to submit this form. **We will acknowledge receipt of your application, if it is accompanied with this form.**

Mail your application to, or secure forms or information from:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Office of Human Resources
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-4656
Washington, DC 20210
Attn: Shelley DeCrane
Commercial: (202) 693-3922
Fax: (202) 693-3734
TTY: (202) 693-3924

The area of consideration for this position is limited to All Eligible Candidates and *ICTAP Eligibles Within the Local Commuting Area.

This position is inside the bargaining unit.

An incomplete application package may result in your being considered ineligible. To receive consideration for this opportunity, your complete application must be in the Office of Human Resources or must be postmarked by the closing date of this announcement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS

All qualified candidates will receive consideration for this position without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, political affiliation, labor organization affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation, or other non-merit factors.

The Department of Labor welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons.

-Use of postage paid government agency envelopes to file job applications is a violation of Federal law and regulation.
-If the position is announced with promotion potential, the incumbent may be promoted without further competition upon meeting all legal regulatory requirements. However, promotion is not guaranteed and no promise is implied.
-Travel and relocation costs will be paid for employees of the Department for promotion. Other moves are payable if relocation is determined to be in the best interest of the government.
-Selection for this position may be made as a result of this announcement or by any other appropriate means including reassignment, reinstatement, new appointment, transfer or change to lower grade.
-Special Note to Outside Applicants: Male applicants between the ages of 18 and 25 are eligible for appointment only after registering with the Selective Service System.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE: If you served on active duty in the U.S. Military and were separated under honorable conditions, you may be eligible for veterans' preference. To receive preference, if your service began after October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, service connected disability, or you must have served on active duty during the Gulf War from August 2, 1990 through January 2, 1992.

* To claim 5-point preference, **attach a copy of your DD-214**, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or other proof of eligibility.

* To claim 10-point preference, **attach an SF-15**, Application for 10-point Veterans' Preference, plus proof required by that form.

The Government Reform Act of 1994 mandates that all Federal employees who are hired after January 1, 1995 must receive their salary via-Direct Deposit/Electronic Fund Transfer or must request a waiver.

WHY WORK FOR US: As a permanent or long term temporary employee with the Department of Labor, you will be entitled to a wide array of benefits. The Federal Employees Health Benefits program has many plans to choose from; all at very reasonable rates which can be paid from pre-tax income. The Federal Employee Retirement System is one of the premier retirement programs in the nation. This program features three components: a retirement pension; the Thrift Savings Plan (an employee controlled investment program); and social security. Federal Employee Group Life Insurance offers numerous life insurance policy options covering employees, spouses and dependents. The leave program offers exceptional time off benefits including annual leave, sick leave, an employee leave share program, Family Friendly Leave, Family Medical Leave, and 10 paid holidays per year. The Child Care Subsidy Program provides financial assistance to make child care more affordable for qualifying employees. Employee Assistance Programs provide confidential counseling and referral services to employees and their family members at no cost as well as periodic seminars on behavioral health issues. You may also be entitled to career development and enrichment training. As an employee of the Employment and Training Administration you will enjoy additional benefits such as the Transportation Subsidy Program (vanpool, commuter vehicle), a pre-tax payroll deduction benefit; and Family Friendly Policies such as alternative work schedules. There are a variety of other services provided such as a cafeteria, Fitness Center, Health Unit, on-site childcare center; credit union, recreation association and store, dry cleaners, and U.S. postal services.

DELEGATED EXAMINING AUTHORIZATION NO. DL-1. Competitive examining authority has been delegated to the Department of Labor by the Office of Personnel Management. Non-status applications will be forwarded to the Delegated Examining Unit for rating, ranking and referral.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

APPLICANT BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

OMB No. 1225-0072
(Exp. 4-30-2002)

FORM APPROVED

The U.S. Department of Labor is requesting your completion of this form to assist the agency in evaluating and improving its efforts to publicize job openings and to encourage applications for employment from a diverse group of qualified candidates, including minorities and persons with disabilities. The Department will use the data you supply to determine how many applicants are from different groups and how many of these applicants are qualified for the job in question. The Department will then assess the effectiveness of specific outreach efforts and means of communicating information on job vacancies in light of this information.

EFFECTS OF NONDISCLOSURE: Providing the information requested on this form is voluntary. This information will have no effect on hiring decisions.

Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Information provided on this form will be used for program evaluation. Personal identifying information will not be included in the tabulation of data in the DOL database.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the U.S. Department of Labor, Human Resource Services Center, FPB, Washington, D.C. 20210; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Solicitation of this information is in accordance with 5 CFR Section 720, Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP).

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name:

Do you have a Disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If You checked Yes above, is your disability one of the

targeted disabilities listed below? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Blind

☐ Deaf

☐ Missing Extremity(s)

☐ Partial Paralysis

☐ Complete Paralysis

☐ Convulsive Disorder

☐ Mental Retardation

☐ Mental Illness

☐ Genetic or physical condition affecting limbs or spine

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Title, Grade, and Announcement Number Of Position for which applying:

ETHNIC SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Are you Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin? (Definition: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other

Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

RACE SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Please read the descriptions, then mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

☐ Asian --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

☐ Black or African American --- A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

☐ Native Hawaiian or --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

☐ Other Pacific Islander

☐ White --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THIS VACANCY: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ 1. Magazine
- ☐ 2. Newspaper
- ☐ 3. Radio/Television Broadcast
- ☐ 4. Agency Personnel Office
- ☐ 5. State Employment Office
- ☐ 6. Government Recruitment at School
- ☐ 7. Federal, State, or Local Job Info. Center
- ☐ 8. Friend or Relative Working for the Agency
- ☐ 9. Internet
- ☐ 10. Federal/DOL Jobsline
- ☐ 11. Other

